

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the July 3, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes from the Joint EMS meeting of July 5, 2012. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Thanked the Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Departments, Police Department, Street Department and the Coons' family for cooperation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
2. Thanked the work camp group.
3. August 25 will be the employee picnic.
4. Thanked Chief Jenkins and Craig Smith for their work on the EMS presentation. Pavey said he thought the presentation was well received. The committee had their first meeting today.
5. The Fire Department will continue to water the trees on Main Street on Fridays.
6. Thanked the Park Department for cleaning up the graffiti.
7. The benefit committee had their first meeting. Pavey will be presenting a list of items to the Department Heads.
8. Had a "kick off" meeting for the stellar grant.
9. Had a meeting last night with Partner's for Progress and the Strategic Comprehensive Plan
10. Have agreed on a settlement with Brackney. We are waiting to sign off on the paperwork.
11. We have a 2012 contract with the County for Animal Control. A copy of the 2013 contract was passed out for review.
12. Received a letter from Dr. Rob Jackman praising the animal shelter.
13. Met with the DLGF on the budget. We are waiting on final numbers to see what cuts will need to be made.
14. Met with Jim Finan, William Budd, and Tom Ferris of Energize ECI.
15. Attended the Duke Energy Founders Leadership Forum and the symposium on rural philanthropy.
16. There will be a concert this Saturday.

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**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copley passed out an updated budget calendar. She said she is waiting on the abstracts to determine the circuit breaker amount.

Asked Council if they had received her email regarding the joint informational session to be scheduled to discuss financing options for the North Industrial Park. Berkemeier and Sheehan said they could make the early session and Bridges and Conner will attend the later session.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bridges reported that Relay for Life will begin this Friday at 6:00 p.m. through Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Bridges said he was concerned about the animals at the shelter due to the extreme heat and did a walk through. He said large fans have been placed giving cross ventilation and an air conditioner has been donated for the cat room.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Comprehensive Plan** – Smith said the draft is completed. He said Kate Singleton is working on the questionnaire.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that the new fencing is completed. He thanked the Sherriff for allowing an inmate to work on the project.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works gave him permission to move forward with the next step of the buildings targeted for demolition.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said the sidewalk is completed from Copeland to Main Street.

He also said that they have notified residents that they will be picking up trash boxes that do not meet requirements.

The Street Department has cleaned out about 186 feet of pipe in South Veteran's Memorial Park.

**Animal** – Warden Moran said yesterday she picked up a python. It is no longer at the shelter.

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**CITIZEN CONCERNS**

George Coons thanked everyone for the success of Freedom 2012. He said Sandy Coons, "The Boss" will be working with Sheehan on a detailed history. Next year will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary that the Coons' family has put on the fireworks celebration.

Bob Bridges wanted to let everyone know that this year at Relay for Life the luminaries will be with battery glow lights and there will be no campfires due to the drought conditions.

Brad Berkemeier said he had some concerns from neighbors about the status of the White Felt building. Pavey said that there would be some public forums for the future use of the building.

Berkemeier said there will be a public meeting on the Fraley/Wilker Drain on July 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Assembly Room.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2012-16 Primary Employment Policy** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-16. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**County Animal Shelter Agreement Update** – Pavey passed out a copy of the 2013 proposed agreement for review. He said they are working toward the final piece for 2012.

**ADA Study Update** – Pavey said they are working together to inventory all buildings to make them all ADA accessible.

**Levee Recertification** – Pavey said we are deep into the process of recertification of the levee.

**Voter Redistricting** – Pavey said we are beginning to work towards voter redistricting. The deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>. He will be working with DLZ.

**Gas Bids** – One bid was received from Harvest Land Co-op. The bid was as follows:

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| 87 octane           | = | \$2.750                                  |
| Premium Road Diesel | = | \$3.050 at the pump or \$3.150 delivered |

Conner made a motion to accept the gasoline bid from Harvestland for 2013. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Sheehan abstaining from the vote due to his relationship with Herdrich.

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**Claims** – Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water Ban** – Councilman Berkemeier asked if the City was considering a water ban due to the drought that we have been experiencing. Pavey said he thought that would be discussed at tomorrow's Utility Board meeting.

Councilman Sheehan asked the Mayor to remind the Utility Board to provide them with their budget early enough so they will have ample time to review.

There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

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BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

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CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

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BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER